

## Convention Trips

Two great locations have been selected by the Liberty Bell Chapter for the convention trips. Our Tuesday trip (note the change from the usual Thursday trip) is to beautiful [Chanticleer Garden](#) in Wayne, Pennsylvania, only a 30-minute ride from our hotel. Chanticleer has been called "the greatest of the great gardens in the Philadelphia region." It was the estate of Christine and Adolph Rosengarten, Sr., whose son left the property to be enjoyed as a public garden. Today, the original trees and lawns remain, but the focus is on plant combinations, containers, textures, and colors, often relying on foliage more than flowers. A woodland garden carpeted with Asian groundcovers and full of rarities leads to a water garden surrounded by exuberant perennials. Sculptural, homemade seats, benches, wrought iron fences, and bridges highlight the uniqueness and personal nature of the garden.

On Saturday night, we will dine in the shadows of the dinosaurs at the [Academy of Natural Sciences](#), a short ten-minute ride from our hotel. Founded in 1812, the Academy is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas. Our night will begin with cocktails as we wander through the current exhibits and view a special exhibit of gesneriad materials from the Academy's collection. This will be followed by a buffet dinner, dessert, more exhibit viewing, and one or two special surprises along the way. It will be an event that you will not want to miss.